

Atkinson, NH



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County
 Labor Market Area

Rockingham
Haverhill-Newburyport-Amesbury Town, MA-NH NECTA
Division
Merrimack Valley
Rockingham
Regional Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts
 US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

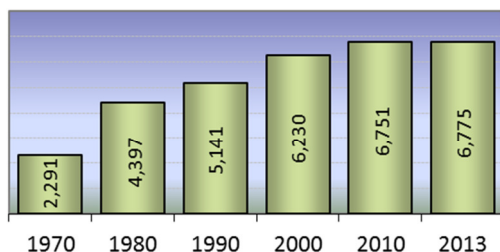
District 2
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Rockingham County Districts 14, 34

Incorporated: 1767

Origin: Atkinson was named in 1767 for Colonel Theodore Atkinson, whose farm once covered nearly all of the several hundred acres set aside from Plaistow that became the town. Colonel Atkinson was a brother-in-law to Governor Benning Wentworth, served as secretary of the colony until the Revolution, and was one of the Masonian Proprietors who parceled out New Hampshire lands to over 30,000 settlers. Colonel Atkinson bequested funds to establish Atkinson Academy, incorporated in 1787. In 1809, the state granted 13,000 acres of land in Coos County to the Academy, an unincorporated place now known as Atkinson & Gilmanton Academy Grant.

Villages and Place Names: Atkinson Heights, Conleys Grove, Westville, Atkinson Depot

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 479 residents in 1790



Population Trends: Population change for Atkinson totaled 5,758 over 53 years, from 1,017 in 1960 to 6,775 in 2013. The largest decennial percent change was a 125 percent increase between 1960 and 1970, followed by a 92 percent increase between 1970 and 1980. The 2013 Census estimate for Atkinson was 6,775 residents, which ranked 48th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2013 (US Census Bureau): 606.0 persons per square mile of land area. Atkinson contains 11.2 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2014		\$4,815,332	
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Zoning Ordinance		1940/12	
Master Plan		2012	
Capital Improvement Plan		No	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Library; Cemetery; Budget		
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Recreation		
Public Library	Kimball		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full & part-time	
Fire Department		Municipal & volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service		Municipal	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Parkland Medical Center, Derry		11 miles	82
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Unitil; Eversource Energy	
Natural Gas Supplier		Unitil	
Water Supplier		Hampstead Water Company & private wells	
Sanitation		Private septic	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		No	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		Municipal	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Voluntary	
Telephone Company		Fairpoint	
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		Yes	
High Speed Internet Service:		Business	Yes
		Residential	Yes
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2013 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$19.00	
2013 Equalization Ratio		98.9	
2013 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$18.61	
2013 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		93.5%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		5.4%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		1.0%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2009-2013)	
Total Housing Units		2,748	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		2,400	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		260	
Five or More Units in Structure		88	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		0	

DEMOGRAPHICS (US Census Bureau)		
Total Population	Community	County
2013	6,775	297,728
2010	6,751	295,223
2000	6,230	278,748
1990	5,141	246,744
1980	4,397	190,345
1970	2,291	138,951
Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2009-2013		
Population by Gender		
Male	3,052	Female 3,723
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		253
Age 5 to 19		1,430
Age 20 to 34		737
Age 35 to 54		2,035
Age 55 to 64		1,150
Age 65 and over		1,170
Median Age		46.9 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over		
High school graduate or higher		96.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher		39.2%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2009-2013)		
Per capita income		\$42,505
Median family income		\$107,348
Median household income		\$95,536
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		\$81,656
Female		\$53,311
Individuals below the poverty level		3.2%
LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average	2003	2013
Civilian labor force	3,803	4,003
Employed	3,556	3,766
Unemployed	247	237
Unemployment rate	6.5%	5.9%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2003	2013
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	244	416
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 879	\$ 944
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	680	682
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 616	\$ 837
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	924	1,098
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 685	\$ 877
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	73	66
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 355	\$ 584
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	996	1,164
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 661	\$ 861

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend:	Grades K-12 are part of Timberlane Regional (Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow, Sandown)				District: SAU 55
Career Technology Center(s):	Pinkerton Academy CATE, Derry; Salem High School Vocational Center				Region: 17
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial	
Number of Schools	1				
Grade Levels	P K 1-5				
Total Enrollment	370				
Nearest Community College: Great Bay; Manchester; Nashua					
Nearest Colleges or Universities: University of NH; New England					

2014 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **157**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Atkinson Concessions	Country club	229	2002
GEX	Graphics, printing	101	
Palmer Gas Company	Propane gas	82	1969
Lewis Builders, Inc.	Builder	80	1953
Busby Construction	Contractor	70	1979

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	111, 121
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-495 (MA), Exit 51	
Distance	4 miles	
Railroad	Boston & Maine	
Public Transportation	No	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Lawrence (MA) Municipal	Runway	5,000 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	27 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		27 miles
Portland, Maine		84 miles
Boston, Mass.		40 miles
New York City, NY		244 miles
Montreal, Quebec		284 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2009-2013*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	86.7%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	7.4%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	3.2%
Other means	0.5%
Worked at home	2.3%
Mean Travel Time to Work	27.1 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2009-2013

Working in community of residence	30.4
Commuting to another NH community	66.2
Commuting out-of-state	3.4

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
X	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
Nearest Ski Area(s): Bradford (MA)	
Other: NH Cultural & Scenic By-Way	